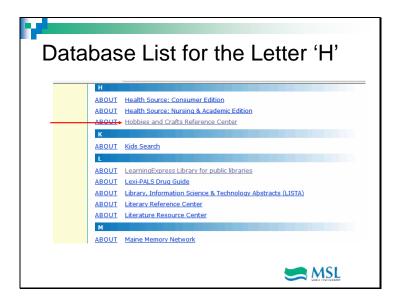


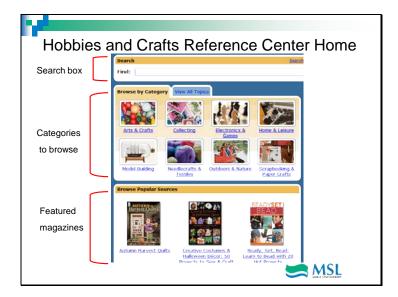
Welcome to another tutorial in the Maine State Library series Exploring Marvel! Maine's Virtual Library. This module will explore the Hobbies and Crafts Reference Center which is part of the Ebsco Publishing family of databases. This database provides full text content for most of today's popular hobbies, crafts and recreational activities. It includes over 740 magazines and books and more than 700 videos. You can find instruction and inspiration in this resource.



Log into Marvel as you usually do using either your library card or account. To get the Hobbies and Crafts Reference Center click on 'H' in the alphabetical list.



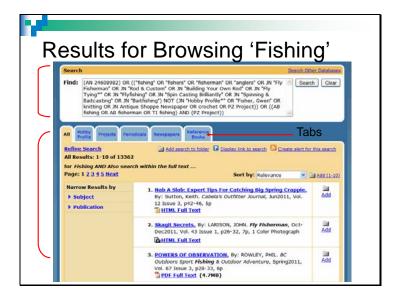
Hobbies and Crafts is the last entry in that section. Click on the title.



This is the home screen for the Hobbies and Crafts Reference Center. Notice the 3 sections: the search box, browsing options and the featured magazine section which contains popular or seasonal titles. The right side of the homepage features seasonal and children's crafts. If you're looking for something particular, use the search box. If you just want to see what is available, browsing by subject is fun and enlightening. In the next slide, we'll do some category browsing.

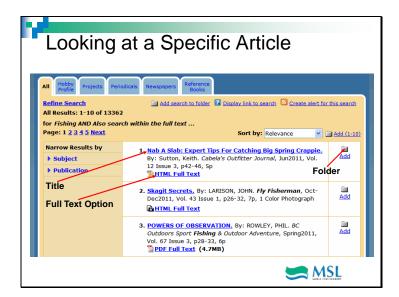


When you click on one of the categories on the homepage, you will then get a list of subcategories to choose from. This slide shows the subcategories of the Outdoors and Nature category. Choosing Fishing will give you all the items that match that subcategory as shown on the next slide.



The block at the top of the screen shows the structure of the search contained in the subcategory 'Fishing'. Why is this important? If you glance at the bizarre language you'll notice that it mentions the titles of the magazines included. This category will get you a copy of entire articles from Fly Fisherman, Rod & Custom, Building Your Own Rod, Fly Tying, Flyfishing, Spin Casting Brilliantly, Spinning & Baitcasting, and Baitfishing. If fishing is your hobby, chances are you've heard of these magazines and maybe subscribe to one or two of them yourself.

The block at the bottom of the screen contains the links to the articles or other items retrieved by the search. At the very top of this block is a row of tabs. These tabs allow you to focus in on the type of information you are interested in. The first tab is "All" which is everything the query found. The second tab contains a hobby profile or overview. Then we have 'Projects', 'Periodicals', which is another word for magazines, then 'Newspapers', and finally 'Reference Books' which contains the full text of chapters from books.

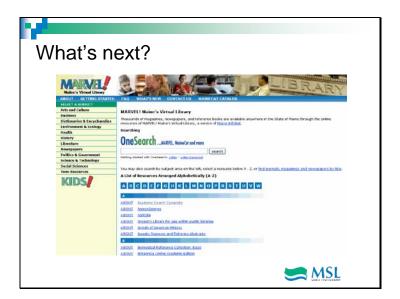


There are a couple of options for viewing an article. Clicking on the title, will take you to the full citation with the full text article underneath it. Below the article are options for printing or emailing. If you click on the full text option, you go directly to the article and the printing options are at the top of the screen. You can also save the article to a folder by clicking on 'Add'. This comes in handy if you want to save several items during your session. Then, you can print or email all of them at once.



You can also use the box labeled 'Find' to look for a specific hobby. Just type in what you're looking for. The 'Advanced Search' Option allows you to choose the document type or types you want to find. These include the hobby profile, projects, magazines, newspapers, books and videos. You can also limit to a particular magazine or book title and dates.

Each screen has a 'Help' link which gives you even more ideas for how to find hobbies in this database.



We hope you find Hobbies and Crafts Reference Center useful and fun. Come back for another tutorial exploring the resources available in MARVEL! Maine's Virtual Library.